

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Mitsuo OCHI, et al.

Continuation In Part Application of
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/934,581

Group Art Unit: 3736 (Parent)

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For: METHOD FOR MEASURING STIFFNESS OF CULTURED TISSUE, FOR
DETERMINING TRANSPLANT COMPATIBILITY FOR QUALITY CONTROL AND
FOR PREPARING TRANSPLANT-COMPATIBLE CULTURED TISSUE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/934,581 filed August 23, 2001; the
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

7. (Amended) A method of determining the transplant compatibility of a tissue cultured in vitro, said method using a method for measuring the stiffness of a cultured tissue according to claim 1.

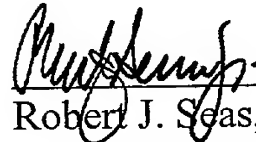
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
C-I-P of U.S. Appln. No. 09/934,581

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/934,581 filed August 23, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A method of determining the transplant compatibility of a tissue cultured in vitro, said method using a method for measuring the stiffness of a cultured tissue according to [any of claims 1 to 6] claim 1.